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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TREASURER

OF THE

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,

FOR THE

Year Ending March 1st, 1884.

LITTLETON, N. H.
JOURNAL JOB PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT.
1884.

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GEO. F. ABBOTT, TREASURER,

IN ACCOUNT WITH

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM,

Dr.

CASH RECEIVED.

Balance in hands of G. F. Abbott, March 1st, 1883,		$990	53
Mar. 26,	Received of E. Swett, to be applied on W. B. Jesseman, tax book, '79,	41	62
28,	Received of R. T. Gordon, county pauper claims,	466	02
Nov. 30,	Rec'd of State Treasurer R. R. tax,	182	91
"	" " S. B. tax,	493	74
"	" " Literary fund,	162	69
1884.			
Feb. 21,	Received of Dennis Phillips, Town Clerk, licenses,	63	50
25,	Rec'd of J.M. Rowe for clapboards,	3	00
"	" shingles,		50
"	" hay in cemetry,	5	00
26,	" R. T. Gordon, liquor fines,	9	00
"	" bounty on bear and crows,	10	40
1883			
Mar. 27,	Rec'd of D. P. Gordon, Col. 1882,	612	00
Apr. 5,	" " "	115	00
7,	" W. H. Presby, Col. 1875, '80, '81,	60	00
11,	Rec'd of D. P. Gordon, Col. 1882,	45	00
18,	" " "	17	00
24,	" " "	25	00
May 5,	" W. H. Presby, Col. 1875, '80, '81,	100	00
7,	" D. P. Gordon, " 1882,	22	00
10,	" " " 1882,	18	00
26,	" " " 1882,	548	34
	" " " 1883,	17	00
	" " " 1882,	12	00
June 7,	" " " 1883,	18	50
19,	" " " 1883,	62	40

June 19,	Rec'd of	D. P. Gordon,	Col.	1882,	15 00
July 6,	"	"	"	1883,	27 00
" 28,	"	"	"	1882,	34 00
"	"	"	"	1883,	36 00
Aug 6,	"	"	"	1882,	45 00
"	"	"	"	1883,	55 00
" 14,	"	W. H. Presby, '80 '81	"	1875,	320 69
" 21,	"	D. P. Gordon,	"	1883,	300 41
" 25,	"	"	"	1883,	180 00
" 28,	"	"	"	1883,	158 53
" 30,	"	"	"	1883,	250 00
Sept 8,	"	"	"	1883,	500 00
"	"	"	"	1882,	30 00
" 15,	"	"	"	1883,	665 00
"	"	"	"	1883,	450 00
" 22,	"	"	"	1882,	25 00
"	"	"	"	1883,	480 00
Oct 12,	"	"	"	1883,	215 00
"	"	"	"	1882,	12 00
" 29,	"	"	"	1883,	130 46
Nov 17,	"	"	"	"	135 18
" 20,	"	"	"	"	55 00
" 27,	"	"	"	"	106 00
" 28,	"	"	"	"	50 00
Dec 6,	"	"	"	"	40 00
" 19,	"	"	"	"	115 00
" 26,	"	"	"	"	215 63
1884.					
Jan 5,	"	"	"	"	50 00
" 21,	"	"	"	"	230 00
" 28,	"	"	"	"	205 16
Feb 2,	"	"	"	"	274 01
" 16,	"	"	"	"	75 00
" 23,	"	"	"	"	300 00
"	"	"	"	1882,	30 00
" 27,	"	"	"	1882,	10 00
"	"	"	"	1883,	285 00
" 29,	"	"	"	"	185 57
"	"	"	"	"	288 74
"	"	"	"	"	62 00
"	"	"	"	1882,	49 59
					$10,792 12

AMOUNT PAID OUT BY THE TREAS'R.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

1883.			
April	24,	Paid Geo. Howland over tax, Dog, 1875,	$1 00
May	1,	Paid Edson C. Eastman books and Stationery,	8 60
	5,	Paid W. H. Presby abatment taxes, 1875, '80, '81,	62 16
	30,	Paid J. M. Rowe for Mem'l day,	25 00
June	30,	Paid T. T. Hildreth repairs School House Dist. No. 4,	30 00
July	28,	Paid D. P. Gordon use of Golden Cross Hall,	50 00
	21,	Paid W. H. Presby abatement of taxes, 1875, '80, '81,	47 81
	21,	Paid M. E. Presby for stationery etc.	3 50
Aug	13,	W. B. Jesseman land for town,	30 00
	"	Paid W. H. Presby abatement of taxes, 1875, '80, '81,	2 60
Sept	8,	Paid P. Cassady abatement tax, '82,	2 84
	17,	" County tax,	1,703 71
Oct	8,	" C. W. Bean arrest of E.Knapp,	2 00
Nov	17,	" J. H. Sargent ab't tax, 1833,	4 16
	14,	" Furber & Wallace printing Town Reports,	9 40
	30,	Paid State tax,	1,104 00
Dec	21,	" D. P. Gordon use of Hall for Precinct meeting and courts,	8 00
1884.			
Jan	5,	Paid B. O. Hall for hearse sleigh,	75 00
	24,	" J.M.Rowe for lock, nales, etc.	2 10
Feb	11,	" Buck & Banard, straps etc., for Hearse,	2 50
	16,	Paid C. J. Parcher excess of taxes,	8 48
		" N. Howland water trough 6 m.,	1 50
	21,	" Dr. H. A. Hildreth recording births and deaths,	2 75
	"	Paid J. Philbrick labor on Cemetry fence,	4 00
	23,	Paid S. Varney labor on Hearse House,	23 00

Feb 23,	Paid	C. G. White, Hardware Hearse House,	23 00	
"	Paid	C.G.White use of land for lobby,	2 50	
"	"	C. Thompson crossing land,	2 00	
"	"	" water trough,	3 00	
"	"	W. E. Sanborn, labor cemetery fence,	4 50	
"	Paid	L. Swett water trough,	3 00	
"	"	" one sheep killed,	2 50	
"	"	V. Blood, water trough,	3 00	
"	"	T. Finn crossing land,	3 00	
"	"	J. M. Rowe, drawing lumber Hearse house,	8 00	
"	"	A. Thompson ab't dog tax,	1 00	
"	"	" surveying road,	2 50	
27,	"	Luther Wallace, water trough,	3 00	
29,	"	C.A.Otto sharpening drills, etc.,	4 44	
"	"	G. F. Abbott Town book and stationery,	18 00	
"	"	Dr. C. M. Tuttle recording births and deaths,	1 00	
"	"	D. P. Gordon taking statemen pauper cases,	2 00	
"	"	Mrs. I. B. Hoit water trough 1882, '83.	6 00	
"	"	J. H. Sawyer water trough,	1 50	
"	"	" abatement tax,	1 33	
"	"	Mrs. L. Atwood keeping tramp,	3 00	
"	"	R. S. Gordon recording invoice,	5 00	
"	"	W. L. Shuttuck water trough,	3 00	
"	"	C. E. Bunker Hearse house and cemetery,	5 00	
"	"	J. N. Turner water trough,	3 00	
"	"	H. W. Wilder book for town clerk and express on same,	4 90	
"	"	D. P. Gordon abatement on taxes 1882,	49 59	
				$3,382 87

1883		CASH PAID FOR HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.		
March	13,	Paid W. B. Jesseman, labor hi'w'ys,	10	86
"	27,	" C.W.Bean, labor on highway,	29	25
		" P. Donovan, " "	5	00
		" J.H.McCullock, "	3	90
"	28,	" A. S. Bean, " "	2	00
April	20,	" W. H. Pesby, " "	17	35
May	7,	" J.H.McCullock, "	2	00
		" G.C.Cheney, " "		75
June	8,	" John Finn, " "	7	20
"	27,	" L. Swett, " "	11	58
"	30,	" J. K. Wells, " "	15	00
July	6,	" S. H. Thayer, " "	12	50
"	21,	" " " " "	17	97
		" L. F. Swett, " "	27	57
Sept.	22,	" C. Howland, " "	4	50
Oct.	5,	" Fred Weir, " "	11	25
Sept.	24,	" C. Emery, " "	7	00
		" C. Whitcomb, " "	12	50
		" A.Thompson, " "	1	75
Oct.	8,	" C. W. Bean, " "	36	50
Nov.	17,	" C.Jessemen, " "	4	40
		" C. A. Carr, " "	2	62
"	14,	" G.W.Richardson, l'br for b'ge,	21	00
Dec.	5,	" C.E.Swasey labor on highway,	2	80
Nov.	18,	" S.H.Thayer, " "	1	75
Dec.	10,	" L. J. Austin, " new road,	100	00
1884.				
Jan.	24,	" J. M. Rowe, " on highway,	1	00
"	28,	" James Ash, " "	6	75
		" W.E.Sanborn, " "	21	50
		" John Pierce Jr., lumber for sidewalk and bridges,	103	66
Feb.	21,	" H.Howland, labor on highway,	1	00
		" J. Calehan, " "	2	00
		" James Ash, " "	3	00
		" Dennis Phillips, nails for sidewalk,	18	00
		" C. Howland, labor on highway,	2	00
"	23,	" C. E. Baker, " "	1	50
		" C. Constantine, " "	13	97
		" Daniel Crane, " "	10	60
		" O. B. Hildreth, " "	4	50
		" G.G.White,nails for sidewalk,	17	85

		Paid	C. Thompson, labor on highway,	2 00	
		"	J.P. Wallace, " "	16 21	
"	25,	"	H. G. Watson, " " and lumber,	4 00	
		"	L. Swett for plow,	5 50	
		"	F.H.Downs, labor on highway,	1 33	
		"	Thomas Finn, " "	50	
		"	D. P. Gordon money		
		"	Chas.Sanborn, " "	1 50	
		"	M. C. Noyes, agt. for lumber for highway and bridges,	70 97	
		"	J.B.Kendall, labor on highway,	2 00	
		"	A.Thompson, " "	1 91	
"	26,	"	R.T.Gordon, " " and money paid out,	20 20	
"	27,	"	C.F.Ward, labor on highway,	2 57	
		"	James Finn, " "	12 00	
		"	W.H.H.Huntoon, "	9 00	
		"	W. G. R. Morey, lumber for highway bridges & s'walk,	101 27	
"	28,	"	L.Wallace, labor on highway,	13 00	
"	29,	"	C.E.Swasey. " "	45	
		"	Dr. C. M. Tuttle, for James Bean children,	1 00	
		"	Elisha Swett, shoveling snow,	4 50	
Dec.	29,	"	Sir Isaac Newton Gay for labor on highway,	2 00	
		"	D. P. Gordon, on sidewalk,	7 50	
		"	S.H.Thayer, labor on highway and repairing plow broke,	22 50	
		"	H. C. Libby lumber and labor building new bridge,	94 24	
		"	R.D.Quimby, labor on highway,	1 00	
		"	A.E.Swasey, " ',	3 00	
		"	C.E.Bunker, " "	17 00	
		"	C.K.Blandin, " "	5 10	
		"	A.S.Phillips, " "	1 50	
		"	L. J. Austin, building new road,	147 50	
		"	Almira M. Hart damage on sidewalk,	100 00	
		"	M. C. Streeter, damage on highway,	5 00	
					$1,252 58

Bingham Mitchells and Bethellon

CASH PAID FOR THE SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

1883.	
March 28, Paid B. F. Wells, coffin, &c., for George Buchanan,	13 00
Oct. 8, paid C. W. Bean arresting Wm. Dow and taking him to Haverhill,	10 50
" 11, paid Dr. G. S. Gove, for medical attendance Maggie Kelley 1882,	75 00
" 15, paid C. W. Bean, wood for Wm. Dow,	1 87
Nov. 17, F. B. Thompson, care Kate Carpenter,	2 00
Paid Mrs. I. B. Hoit sup't Jenny Ferguson,	24 00
Dec. 5, paid C. E. Swasey, taking Annette Willard to county farm,	5 45
1884.	
Jan. 24, paid J. M. Rowe for ticket for Kate Carpenter to Boston,	7 15
Paid J. M. Rowe, moving W. Dow to L't'n	3 00
Feb. 21, paid Dr. H. A. Hildreth, services William Dow family,	4 25
Paid Dr. H. A. Hildreth, services Jennie Ferguson,	12 00
Paid Dr. H. A. Hildreth, services Kate Carpenter,	2 00
Paid D. Phillips, goods Annette Willard,	35 00
" " " William Dow,	1 45
" " " Elias Hildreth,	7 50
23, paid C. G. White, Annette Willard,	4 00
" " Wm. Nutting,	9 13
" " William Dow,	10 62
25, paid R. McDonald, J. P. Somers,	8 37
25, paid W. H. H. Huntoon, support Mrs. Gellis,	6 00
25, J. M. Rowe, wood and potatoes for Wm. Dow,	2 60
27, paid Dr. G. W. McGregor, services Mrs. Gellis,	12 00
27, paid Dr. G. W. McGregor, services Mrs. Thos. Young,	18 00
29, paid Dr. C. M. Tuttle, attendance Mrs. Thos. Young,	6 50
29, paid Dr. C. M. Tuttle, attendance Killam Family,	4 50
29, paid Dr. C. M. Tuttle, attendance J. P. Somer's family,	2 00

29, paid H. P. Libbey & Co., goods to Thomas Young,	20 00	
29, paid Barron, Merrill & Barron, care of Thos. Ryan and Undertaker's bill,	27 00	
29, paid W. E. Sanborn, Wood Wm. Dow,	2 00	
		$336 89

CASH PAID FOR SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

1883.		
April 19, Paid J. R. Bean for part payment of Bean children,	20 00	
May 1, Paid R. T. Gordon for money paid in the Glover pauper case for witness fees and traveling expenses,	133 17	
" 26, Paid John Callehan for support of Julia Scannel, bal. of 1882,	8 87	
July 26, Paid John M. Rowe in part payment of Bean children,	25 00	
Nov. 24, W. E. Sanborn money paid for Bean children,	20 00	
Dec. 29, Paid John M. Rowe for support of Bean children,	25 00	
1884.		
Jan. 24, Paid J. M. Rowe for Julia Scunnel,	75	
" John Shea " "	15 00	
" burial of Sanford Daily,	6 00	
Feb. 6, paid J. M. Rowe for Julia Scannel,	21 60	
21, paid Dennis Phillips goods for Julia Scannel,	5 87	
		$281 26

CASH PAID THE SEVERAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Paid District No. 1,	739 57	
" " 2,	77 86	
" " 3,	59 97	
" " 4,	124 59	
" " 5,	87 93	
" " 6,	124 86	
" " 7,	134 34	
" " 8,	62 54	
" " 10,	151 97	
" " 11,	78 60	
" Town of Whitefield,	2 12	
" School house tax District No. 1,	360 00	
		$2,004 35

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CASH PAID FOR SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

1883.			
March 13,	paid H. J. Kenney, sup'v'r 1882,	10 00	
Aug. 13,	paid W. H. Presby collecting taxes 1875, 80, 81,	50 00	
Oct. 15,	paid C. W. Bean, policeman,	3 50	
1884.			
Feb. 21,	paid Dennis Phillips, town clerk,	50 00	
" "	C. E. Baker supervisor 1783,	6 00	
23, "	C. A. Thompson, policeman,	3 00	
" "	J.K.Barrett sup'v'r 1882,83,84,	20 00	
25, "	J. M. Rowe overseer of poor,	10 00	
" "	T. W. Bean supervisor 1883,	6 00	
27, "	W. E. Sanborn overseer poor,	15 00	
29, "	Miss Minnie E. Presby Sup't School Committee,	46 00	
" "	R. T. Gordon, selectman,	100 00	
" "	W. E. Sanborn, "	84 00	
" "	J. M. Rowe, "	98 00	
" "	G. F. Abbott, treasurer,	15 00	
" "	R. T. Gordon overseer poor,	12 00	
" "	Benjamin Tucker, auditor,	6 50	
" "	Willard H. Presby, "	6 50	
" "	Dan P. Gordon, collector,	62 00	
			$603 50

TOWN NOTES, BONDS AND INTEREST PAID.

1883.			
March 20,	paid Geo. F. Buell, note and int.,	93 88	
Dec. 21,	paid D. P. Gordon to be indorsed on note held by Abigail M. Woods,	25 00	
1884.			
Feb. 27,	paid town bonds due Sept. 1 1883,	1,000 00	
" " "	bonds coupons including part due March 1, 1884,	736 00	
			$1,854 88
Amount received by treasurer,		10,792 12	
" paid out by "		9,716 33	
Amount in treasurer's hand March 1, 1884,			$1,075 79

OUTSTANDING TOWN BONDS.

Sabrina Kenney,	5,000 00
Elisha Swett,	2,000 00

Town of Littleton,	2,600 00	
Luther Wallace,	1,900 00	
Sarah A. Bunker,	1,200 00	
Olive Crane,	1,150 00	
William M. Taylor,	1,050 00	
John B. Clifford,	750 00	
Ann C. Shattuck,	650 00	
B. F. Winch,	800 00	
Eli B. Wallace,	800 00	
Orville B. Hildreth,	600 00	
Eliza Hatch,	500 00	
Malvina Hughes,	450 00	
S. F. Winch,	400 00	
Henrietta F. Bunker,	400 00	
F. P. Shattuck,	400 00	
George H. Bunker,	300 00	
Simeon Bowles,	300 00	
John B. Harrigan,	200 00	
Alonzo H. Watson,	150 00	
Chester H. Wallace,	150 00	
Charles R. Phillips,	100 00	
		$21,850 00

OUTSTANDING NOTE.

Note and interest to Abigail Morrison,		177 46
		$22,027 46

ASSETS OF THE TOWN MARCH 1st, 1884.

Due from County of Grafton,	336 89	
" William Glover,	133 17	
" Sanford Dailey's estate,	6 00	
" Felix LaChance,	45 00	
" George Buchanan,	12 00	
" J. E. Henry, Highway tax 1883,	243 00	
" Isaac S. Cruft " "	100 00	
" William B. Jesseman, Collector, '79	83 10	
" Dan P. Gordon, " 1882,	65 12	
" " " " '83	2,889 62	
" George F. Abbott, Treasurer,	1,075 79	
" " " " " being interest on $1,500 deposited in Littleton Savings Bank March 31, 31, 1883, interest to Jan. 1, 1884,	45 40	
		$5,035 59

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RECAPITULATION.

Liabilities March 1, 1883,		$23,136 59	
" " 1884,		22,027 46	
Decrease in Liabilities,			$1,109 13
Assets of the town March 1, 1883,		3,913 58	
" " " " " 1884,		5,035 59	
Increase in assets,			$1,122 01
Town debt March 1, 1883,		19,223 01	
" " " 1884,		16,991 87	
Decrease in debt March 1, 1884,			$2,231 14
Total val. of the town April 1, 1883,		625,654 00	
Valuation of land and buildings,		485,915 00	
No. of Polls,	326	32,600 00	
" Horses,	340	18,733 00	
" Mules,	5	120 00	
" Oxen,	146	6,826 00	
" Cows,	459	9,960 00	
" Young stock,	304	4,925 00	
" Sheep,	710	2,257 00	
" Hogs,	36	294 00	
" Carriages,	94	7,496 00	
" Male Dogs,	62	62 00	
" Female Dogs,	3	6 00	
Money at interest,		12,930 00	
Stock in trade,		24,130 00	
Mills and Machinery,		14,400 00	
Aqueduct,		5,000 00	

We have examined the accounts of the treasurer and found them correct, with vouchers for every dollar paid out, also examined the selectmen's books and bills, which are correct. Our treasurer March 31, 1883, deposited $1,500 in Littleton Savings Bank, interest on it to Jan. 1, 1884, amounted to $45.40. Of the $1,500 there remains with the $45.40 interest now in the bank $1,045.40. There are bills out not paid by the treasurer amounting to $151.00. There is also pledged for land damage on Austin road $300.

BENJAMIN TUCKER,
W. H. PRESBY, } Auditors.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting this, my first report, to the town, permit me to say that even in the beginning I realized my incompetency to discharge the duties which necessarily fall upon the Supt. Com., and whatever failures may have occurred on my part be assured, they have not been from not having a desire to do justice.

The success of the school does not, I believe, depend upon the teacher alone, but the teacher *must* be supported by parents and citizens. After securing the services of a good and faithful teacher, show him or her that you are interested in the progress of the school by visiting it several times during the session. You will not only be aiding the teacher but your children's record will show for the better; they will feel that father and mother really care whether they have perfect recitations or not.

If you wish to see poor progress made by your children remain at home and, if they chance to be corrected for misdemeanor at school, sympathize with them, tell them you have no doubt the teacher was wholly to blame, and you will see about it; or else take your child from school upon the slightest provocation—if you do not think him capable of throwing the teacher out.—Even this year children have said, "I am losing interest in school for no one comes to visit us, and so I don't care whether I half have my lessons or not." Teachers must have the sympathy and cooperation of parents and citizens, and not be treated with indifference and neglect nor, as is too often the case, with open opposition. Visit the school, then you will see whether or not your children are trying to do right; you will see whether the fault lies with teacher or pupil. Failing to visit is a culpable neglect upon the part of those who ought to have the child's best interest at heart. Too much can not be said upon this subject. See to it in the future that you neglect not your own duty, before charging others with a neglect of their's.

Another fault is the failure to raise sufficient funds to carry on good schools. Let every district raise more money, for that raised by the town must be apportioned according to the valuation of property in each district, therefore the poorer districts receive but a small share. Then pay your teacher well; do not think those who can be hired "cheap" are the best. As a general thing a farm hand does not care to work for nothing, nor are teachers over anxious to give much more than an equivalent for what they receive. "Work well paid is well done."

Some of our school houses are a disgrace to the town, a good farmer would not think of using such poor buildings to house his cattle, much less should you consent to send your children to such barren, dreary rooms with little or no appliances for teaching. The school room should be comfortable and cheerful, made a pleasant place to abide in, the higher sensibilities should not be blunted, and here lasting impressions are to be made. May the day be not far distant when each school house shall be supplied with a sufficient amount of good black-boards and other conveniences to aid in promoting the advancement of the schools.

In Dist. No. 1, D. P. Gordon taught the three terms in Grammar room No. 2. He is a teacher of great experience, and his schools always show marked progress from his untiring efforts in behalf of the scholars. We are sorry to lose so faithful a teacher from our town, but what is our loss will be someone's gain.

In Grammar room No. 1, D. B. Dow, of Maine, has taught the two terms. Mr. Dow came to us a stranger, but by his energy and faithfulness has proven himself a successful teacher. He is the right man in the right place.

The Primary room was under the charge of Miss Minnie E. Presby, for the year. I have nothing to say about the teacher, but think the scholars have made very good progress; Class A of the Fall term was advanced to Grammar room No. 2.

Dist. No. 2, Mrs. Fitzgerald taught the Summer term, she worked well with her scholars and they passed a good examination. Miss Alice Bartlett had charge of the Winter term; although a young teacher her school showed faithful work and a marked degree of progress.

Miss E. Ardelle Phillips taught the one term in Dist. No. 3. Although the school was small Miss Phillips succeeded in keeping the scholars interested in their work. It would be much to the advantage of the district if they would unite with Dist. No. 1, thereby gaining three terms, and with no more, if as much expense to the district.

The Summer term in Dist. No. 4, was taught by Miss Emma Hildreth, of Franconia. She is an experienced teacher, and scholars learn rapidly under her instructions. The Winter term was taught by Mathew Powers, of Littleton, although this was Mr. Powers' first term, he at once gained the good will of his scholars and kept an excellent school.

In Dist. No. 5, Miss Belle Abbott, of Littleton, kept the Summer term, and Miss Helen Wilder the Winter term, both are energetic workers in the school room and under such faithful teachers scholars cannot fail to advance.

Miss Ada Shattuck had charge of the Summer term in Dist. No. 6. In a quiet way she led her scholars on in their studies, they passed a good examination. Mr. Herbert Hazen, of Hartford, Vt., taught the Winter term; he came to take up the work with the large scholars, where he left it the previous winter, and good work was done through the term.

In Dist. No. 7, Miss Effie Bartlett taught the Summer term; her manner in the School room is very pleasing, the scholars learned well. Miss Mayette Tucker had charge of the Winter term until the last two weeks when, on account of illness, she was obliged to close; Miss Helen Wilder finished the term. The scholars made good progress as Miss Tucker worked earnestly with them.

Dist. No 8, Miss Emma Jesseman taught the Summer term, she labored hard and the scholars made all the advancement that could be expected in so short a time. The Winter term taught by Miss Edna Streeter, of Littleton, had been in session two weeks before I had notice of it. Miss Streeter neglected to come or send for a certificate. I believe I have no right to report the progress of the school as it could only be called a private school. It would be for the interest of all Prudential Committees to ascertain if their teachers have certificates before beginning school.

In Dist. No. 10, I thought best to divide the school, as no teacher can successfully teach an ungraded school of sixty or more scholars. Miss Alice Powers, of Littleton, taught in the Grammar room; the scholars did not manifest the interest they ought, nor did they make the progress they could have done, which was owing in a great degree to the lack of energy in the teacher.

The Primary room was under the charge of Miss Josie Wilder. This was also Miss Wilder's first term, but she proved to be an energetic teacher and will with experience, make one of the best of teachers.

For some unknown reason the schools were again united for the winter, and Miss Dailey, of Jefferson, a teacher of some experience secured to teach. Miss Dailey worked hard and the scholars passed a good examination. As long as the school re-

mains undivided the scholars can not, and will not advance. It is high time the district were aroused and attended to the matter, and not throw their money away year after year.

Miss Nell Cleasby, of Littleton, taught the one term in Dist. No. 11. Miss Cleasby is a teacher of great experience and always a faithful and energetic worker. Scholars can not fail to advance aided by her untiring efforts in their behalf.

There has been no failure, yet some schools have had better success than others, as is generally the case. I would be glad to speak more at length of the different schools did space permit. My intercourse with the schools has been very pleasant and agreeable. It is to be hoped the friends of education will be aroused to the need of a more liberal education, and the obligations they are under to the rising generation and to posterity.

MINNIE E. PRESBY, Supt. Com.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.		Summer Fall and Winter.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Pupils each term.	Average attendance.	Whole No. of different scholars for the year.	Wages of teachers per month.	Name of Prudential Com.	Visits of S. S. Committee.
1	Grammar	F	9	18	14.4	23	$40.00	J. K. Barrett.	2
	Room No. 1	W	12	20	17.1				1
	Grammar	S	10	36	31.5	50	30.00	W. H. Presby.	2
	Room No. 2	F	9	23	20.4		28.00		2
		W	12	34	28.8		28.00	Arthur Nurse.	2
	Primary	S	10	36	31.4	39			
	Room.	F	9	32	26.3		24.00		
		W	11	26	22.3				
2		S	10	14	12.3	14	18.00	John Callahan.	2
		W	12	15	13.1		22.00		2
3		W	11	4	3.1	4	17.80	R. D. Quimby.	2
4		S	9	17	15.3	23	18.00		
		W	9	17	15.4		28.00	Milo Baker.	2
5		S	8	15	12.4	19	16.00		2
		W	8	19	17.3		25.00	Peter Donavon.	2
6		S	8	30	21.05	42	19.00		2
		W	10	30	21.2		32.00	Walter C. Bartlett.	2
7		S	10	13	11.5	20	16.00		2
		W	18	20	13.8		20.00	Jonas P. Wallace.	2
8		S	7	7	6.8	7	15.00		2
		W	6	7	6.4		20.00	Olive S. Taylor.	2
10	Grammar	S	8	26	24.5	56	18.00		2
	Room.	W	8	54	50.01		22.00	Dennis Callahan	2
10	Primary	S	8	31	28.6	31	16.00		2
11		S	9	21	19	21	28.00	T. M. Fletcher.	2

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